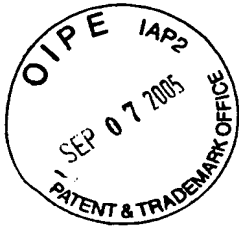


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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Raymond T. Westfall et al.  
Application No. : 10/692,522 Confirmation No.: 9849  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time for response to the Office Action mailed on April 4, 2005. With the extension, the period for Reply is extended to October 4, 2005. The Director is authorized to charge the \$795.00 fee for the four-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order Nos.: 001291.0002/099999.0099).

Reply to Office Action

In reply to the Office Action mailed on April 4, 2005, applicants respectfully request

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reconsideration and allowance of this application in  
light of the following remarks:

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the  
listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.